

REMARKS

Applicants and the undersigned respectfully thank Examiners Nguyen and Kelly for the courtesies extended during the interview of April 16, 2002.

At the interview, the Examiners said that "claim 4" on page 2, under the 35 USC 112, second paragraph, rejection, refers to claim 24, whose rejection was withdrawn by the Examiners at the interview.

Claims 2, 10 and 26 still remained rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. This rejection is respectfully traversed and should be withdrawn in light of the amendments, which are in accordance with the Examiners' suggestions at the interview.

The pending claims were rejected as being obvious over Kurokawa alone or in combination with another reference. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

The Examiners acknowledged that Kurokawa does not disclose an optical density of at least about 2.6 as recited in the pending claims. The Examiners' position, as further clarified at the interview, was that the claimed optical density would either be inherent in the films of Kurokawa, or in the alternative, it would have been obvious to arrive at the claimed films having the claimed properties.

The attached Declaration of Mr. Chang shows that Kurokawa's film has an optical density averaging about 2.2, which is outside the claimed range of optical density. Thus, Kurokawa does not inherently disclose the claimed optical density and provides no motivation to arrive at the claimed optical density. On the other hand, the claimed optical density is at least 2.6, which is 18% greater than the average optical density of Kurokawa's film. Persons of ordinary skill in this field would have considered this improvement to be unexpected, as explained by Mr. Chang in his Declaration.

In light of the above, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

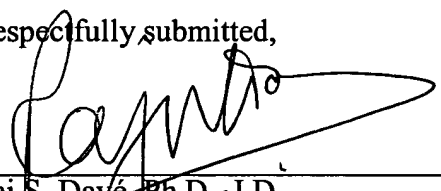
Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by this amendment, captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

2. (Amended) The laminate film of claim 1, further comprising:
a heat sealable layer or winding layer comprising an antiblock component selected from the group consisting of amorphous silicas, aluminosilicates, sodium calcium aluminum silicate, a crosslinked silicone polymer and polymethylmethacrylate, wherein the heat sealable layer or winding layer is on another side of said polyolefin resin layer than said discharge-treated surface.
10. (Amended) The laminate film of claim 2 or 3, wherein said winding layer [is] comprises a treated [to provide a] surface for lamination or coating with adhesives or inks.
26. (Amended) The laminate film of claim 25, further comprising[:]
a heat sealable layer or winding layer comprising an antiblock component selected from the group consisting of amorphous silicas, aluminosilicates, sodium calcium aluminum silicate, a crosslinked silicone polymer and polymethylmethacrylate, wherein the heat sealable layer or winding layer is on another side of said polyolefin resin layer.